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**CENTURY STEPS, INC., RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SAFETY
AND HEALTH PROGRAM**

NASHVILLE – Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development
Commissioner Michael E. Magill recently announced that Century Steps, Inc., in
Lebanon was awarded the Governor's Award of Excellence for Workplace Safety and
Health.

Century Steps was presented the award by Magill at the 24th annual Tennessee Safety
and Health Congress held at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville in July.

“Century Steps has proven their commitment to maintaining a safe and healthy
workplace,” said Magill. “Achieving the Governor's Award is a huge accomplishment
because the evaluation criteria for the award are extremely challenging, but Century
Steps has worked hard to meet and exceed those required standards.”

The Governor's Award of Excellence for Workplace Safety and Health is given to
Tennessee employers who meet the required number of hours during a calendar year
without workplace injuries serious enough to cause an employee to miss a day of work or
restrict his normal job activities. The number of hours required is based on the size of the
company.

Century Steps has had no lost-time work injuries since March 1998. The TOSHA
Division of the Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development has provided
consultative services to the employer to insure their compliance with safety and health
responsibilities.

Century Steps, which is a concrete pre-caster producing concrete steps, concrete stair treads, pipe weights, and concrete railroad crossings, has been in business for 20 years. The facility is the company's largest step production plant with approximately 20 employees, and Richard Taylor is plant manager.

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